

# 2020 Fall Leaf Schedule

## October 5th-December 11th

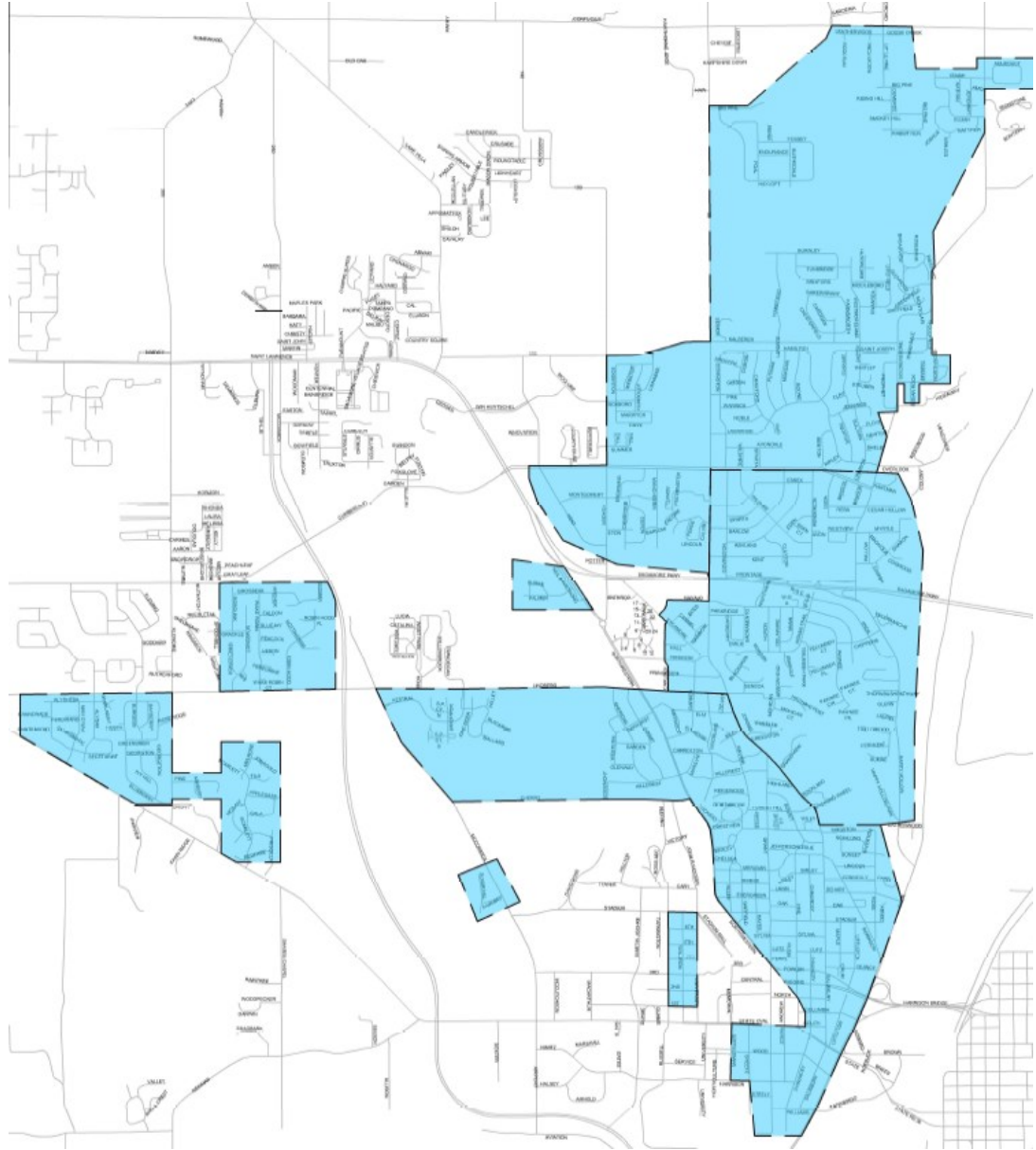
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There will not be a scheduled area each week. We hope to collect from all areas weekly this year.



We collect leaves curbside for residential houses and apartments with 4 units or less that are within the city limits or pay the yard waste collection fee outside city limits.



While you are cleaning up your yard, please ensure that your trees and shrubs are not causing an obstruction for pedestrians or vehicles. Tree branches should be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 15 feet above the street. Your assistance with trimming the trees and shrubs would be greatly appreciated. Please call Bryce Patz at 775-5160 with any questions about trimming trees.



**As you begin raking your yard, please follow these guidelines:**

- 1. Leaf piles should be in a windrow, 12 inches away from the curb line.**
- 2. Avoid blocking bike lanes. If necessary, pile leaves between the curb and sidewalk.**
- 3. Keep leaf piles free of debris and sticks. They can clog or damage the leaf vac.**
- 4. Keep catch basins free of leaves to allow for drainage during rain events.**
- 5. Leaves can also be placed in rigid containers for the normal yard waste collection.**

## As you are working in your yard, please keep these guidelines in mind:

1. Branches should be no more 6 feet long.
2. Please stack branches with the limbs facing the same direction, not intertwined, to allow for easier collection.
3. Leaves can be raked to the curb during leaf season.
4. Other yard waste items, ***excluding grass clippings***, should be placed ***in rigid containers or paper yard waste bags*** for collection on your yard waste day. The City ***does not*** pick up soil, sod or grass clippings. Please consider mulching grass clippings; they are an excellent source of nutrients for the soil.
5. Please keep yard waste free of garbage. This allows us to compost the material while reducing the landfill fees.
6. The City ***does not*** pick up brush or yard waste for work that was contracted. If you paid someone to do the work, they are responsible for disposing of the waste.
7. Tree branches should be a minimum of 8 ft. above the sidewalk and 15 ft. over the street to allow school buses and the City's large trucks to safely navigate the streets. This also allows pedestrians to safely use the sidewalks.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS!

### LEAVE THEM!

Grass clippings are an excellent source of nutrients for the soil, reducing the need to fertilize your yard. Clippings ***do not*** contribute to thatch build up which happens from the accumulation of grass roots and stems.

A tip: to leave clippings on your lawn, have them work most effectively as a soil enhancement and keep your yard looking great, only one-third of your grass length should be removed when mowing, allowing clippings to be short enough to filter through the existing grass. Don't allow grass to double its height between mowing.

### MULCH THEM!

Spread a half-inch layer of untreated grass clippings around vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs. Treated grass clippings should be left on the lawn. Mulching keeps soil loose and moist, smothers weeds, prevents soil erosion and releases nutrients as the material decomposes.

### COMPOST THEM!